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In re Application of	:	
MOYER et al.	:	LETTER REGARDING PATENT
Application No. 09/912,072	:	TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: July 24, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 5051-445	:	

This letter is in response to the LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT filed December 2, 2009. Pursuant to applicants' duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicants request that the determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be reviewed for accuracy.

The request for review of the determination of patent term adjustment is **GRANTED to the extent indicate herein.**

The Office has updated the PALM and PAIR screen to reflect that the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **zero (0) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen is enclosed.

On October 6, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 551 days. On December 2, 2009, applicants submitted the instant comment.

Applicants request that the Office review the periods of adjustment for Office delay of 337 days and 215 days. Applicants do not state a specific basis for requesting these periods of adjustment be reviewed for accuracy.

A review of the application history confirms that the entry of the periods of adjustment for Office delay of 337 days and 215 days are incorrect.

As to the period of adjustment of 337 days, it is noted that the failure of the Office to respond to an appeal taken under 35 U.S.C. 134 not later than four months after the date on which the reply was filed or the appeal was taken is a ground for adjustment of patent term due to examination delay under the Patent Term Guarantee Act of 1999. 37 CFR 1.702(a). The phrase the date on which "an appeal was taken" in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(i)(A)(ii) means the date on which an appeal brief (and not a notice of appeal) was filed. The phrase "appeal brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192" requires that: (i) the appeal brief fee (37 CFR 1.17(c)) be paid (37 CFR 1.192(a)); and (2) the appeal brief complies with 37 CFR 1.192(c)(i) through (c)(9). Accordingly, 37 CFR 1.703(a)(4) pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(i)(A)(ii) and specifies that the period of adjustment for Office delay includes the number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date an appeal brief in compliance with § 1.192 was filed and ending on the date of mailing of any of an examiner's answer under § 1.193, an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first.

In this instance, an appeal brief was filed on January 29, 2007. On April 12, 2007, a notification of non-compliant appeal brief was mailed. On May 2, 2007, a second appeal brief was filed. On August 8, 2007, a notification of non-compliant appeal brief was mailed. On August 20, 2007, a third appeal brief was filed. On November 2, 2007, a notification of non-compliant appeal brief was mailed. On November 12, 2007, a fourth appeal brief was filed. On January 28, 2008, a notification of non-compliant appeal brief was mailed. On February 1, 2008, a corrected appeal brief was filed. On April 30, 2008, an examiner's answer under § 1.193 was mailed within four (4) months of February 1, 2008, the date the appeal brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 was filed. Accordingly, there was no basis for entry of a period of adjustment for Office delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.703(a)(4). The period of adjustment of 337 days is being removed.

As to the period of adjustment of 215 days, the record does not reveal any circumstances that constitute a failure by the Office to take certain action within a specified time frame. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A). Accordingly, the adjustment of 215 days of patent term was entered in error. The period of adjustment of 215 days will be removed as it is not warranted.

In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **zero (0) days** (384 days of Office delay less 385 days of applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

Applicants are reminded that any delays by the Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) and 1.702(b) and any applicant delays under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent and applicants will be notified in the Issue Notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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Enclosure: Copy of updated PAIR screen

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Date: 2/10/2010

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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/912072

Application Filing Date:	07/24/2001	PTO Delay (PTO):	936
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	385
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	0
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-552		

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